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**FREE STUFF - see  
inside for details!**



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Cut and save or call for magnet

## What can I recycle?

Aluminum beverage cans

Steel/tin cans  
(veggie, fruit, soup-type cans)

Newspaper, colored and printing  
paper, paper sacks, magazines,  
newsletters  
(NO SHREDDED PAPER)

Cardboard boxes  
(broken down, flattened)

Prepared food  
cardboard boxes  
(cereal, food, detergent-type  
boxes)

Plastic bottles and containers  
(food, beverage, shampoo and detergent-type with #1 thru #6 on bottom  
of the bottle or container) (NO PLASTIC BAGS, WRAP or SHEETING)

Glass bottles and jars - clear, green, brown  
(food and beverage-type)

**Recycling questions? Call Solid Waste Services at 480-782-3510.**





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## Backyard Composting - A Family Experience

Do you DIG composting or do you have the willingness to dig deep into the subject? Then Chandler's **FREE** Backyard Composting Workshop is just for you!

- Knowledge of composting matters – What is it? How does it work? How do I get started?
- Hands-on learning experience through demonstrations presented by Master Gardeners
- Tools and techniques for successful backyard composting
- Networking with others who share similar interests



Chandler is offering **FREE** workshops with hands-on demonstrations to help you learn techniques for backyard composting and worm composting. Both of these processes can benefit you by:

- Saving you time and money
- Improving your yard and gardens
- Recycling your yard waste and kitchen scraps
- Reducing waste that ends up in our landfill
- Reducing the use of chemical herbicides and pesticides by using organic alternatives
- Conserving water

One thing is certain — you don't have to dig deep to learn that composting has been around throughout history. Composting is mentioned by virtually every civilization. The Romans, Egyptians and Greeks all practiced composting. In the new world, archeological excavations have discovered clues that indicate farmers from the Mayan civilization nearly 2,000 years ago actively practiced composting. At Mount Vernon, the home of our first President George Washington, archeologists unearthed evidence of large pits that were used for composting.

The truth of the matter is compost happens and that's a fact! Nearly all organic waste produced will decompose without our help or intervention. Composting is Mother Nature's way of simply recycling. Like the secret recipe from Grandma's kitchen, Mother Nature takes a pinch of this and a pinch of that, creating a rich mixture that provides vital nutrients to the soil.

Chandler's Backyard Composting Program is as simple as it gets. At nature's pace, and with a little elbow effort by turning the mixture regularly, you can produce your own compost, too!

**FREE** Backyard Composting Workshops will be held for City of Chandler residents:

- June 26 (children ages 8 to 12) • June 21 (teens and adults)
- July 17 (children ages 8 to 12) • July 19 (teens and adults)

For time, location, and registration information, please call Solid Waste Services at 480-782-3510. **Seating is limited.**

You can also receive a **FREE** backyard composter and Backyard Composting book with instructions and recipes to successfully compost at home.

**If you would like to participate please call Solid Waste Services at 480-782-3510 to express your interest in Backyard Composting. Mention the ReNews Recycling Newsletter for FREE items.**

### Questions?

Please call Solid Waste Services at 480-782-3510.

Para mayor informacion en espanol, favor de llamar al 480-782-3510.

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## Breaking News

Chandler is wasting no time when it comes to planning for the future needs of our community. Construction will begin this fall (2003) to make room for the new Solid Waste Transfer Station, Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, and Solid Waste Services Administration building. Completion of this project is expected in the fall of 2004.

During the phase of construction, residents will continue to have access to the existing residential transfer facility with minimal impact. For more information, please contact Solid Waste Services at 480-782-3510.

## Mayor's Message:

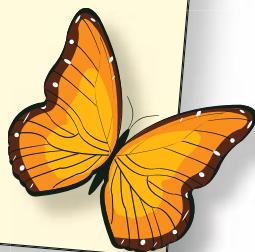


Dear Chandler Resident:

We live in a world of limited resources, and perhaps no one is more mindful of that than you. Today—thanks to the people of Chandler—we are recycling more materials than ever helping to preserve our planet's vital resources. Thank you Chandler, for your support in this very important program. Due to your efforts, the future of our community is brighter than ever!

Sincerely,

Boyd W. Dunn  
Mayor



Chandler's Incredible Bulk is a super, **FREE** and convenient curbside service. This program provides collection of large items that are too large to fit in the curbside or alley trash containers.

### WHO CAN USE CURBSIDE BULK COLLECTION?

Bulk collection is available **FREE** every eight weeks to residents paying for city provided trash service. For Chandler residents who do not pay for this service, we recommend calling Solid Waste Services for information on proper disposal methods.

### WHAT IS CONSIDERED A BULK ITEM?

Basically, any item that is too large to fit in a curbside or alley trash container. Some of the more common bulk items include: refrigerators, washers, dryers, dishwashers, water heaters, tree trimmings, yard clippings, furniture, broken toys, etc.

## Did You Know You Can...

### ...RECYCLE RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES

Staples office supply stores are all charged up about recycling rechargeable batteries. As a partner of a national program launched by the Rechargeable Battery Corporation (RBRC), Staples provides customers drop-off boxes for recycling rechargeable batteries at the customer service counters.

#### Batteries accepted include:

- Cellular and cordless phones
- Portable CD and DVD players
- Two-way radios
- Remote control toys
- Power tools

### ...STOP UNSOLICITED MAIL

Nearly 4 million tons of unsolicited (junk) mail is sent each year in the United States. Half of which is never opened. Not only does it inundate you with unwanted information, but it also uses up natural resources, depletes precious landfill space, and contributes to our concerns for litter and other pollution.

#### Say NO to junk mail by contacting one or all of the following:

- Notify major credit bureaus and request your name be removed from mailing lists for pre-approved credit cards. The toll free number for contacting the major credit bureaus is: 888-567-8688.
- For mail: Notify Direct Marketing Association, Mail Preference Service, P.O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9008.
- For telemarketing: Notify Direct Marketing Association, Telephone Preference Service, P.O. Box 9014, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9014

Federal Law Title 39, Part IV, Chapter 30, Section 3001 states that any person who mails matter for sweepstakes, promotions, and other solicitation offers, must prevent the mailing of such matter to any person who requests for it not to be mailed to them in the future.

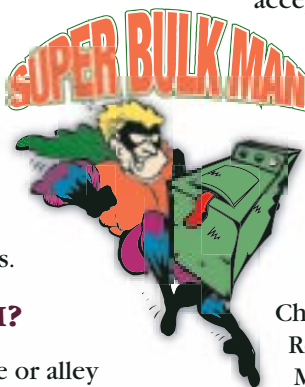
### WHAT BULK MATERIALS CAN'T BE PICKED UP?

Solid Waste Services recommends residents call to find out what is accepted and what is not. The most common waste not accepted includes: building and construction materials such as sheet rock, wood paneling, cinder blocks, bricks, and roofing materials. Other unacceptable waste includes: propane tanks, tires, dirt, gravel, auto parts, and liquid, hazardous, or medical waste.

### WHERE CAN I TAKE LARGE ITEMS IF I CAN'T SCHEDULE A BULK COLLECTION?

Chandler residents can take bulk materials to the City's Residential Transfer Facility located at 3200 South McQueen Road. The facility is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week.

For more information on how to schedule a bulk collection, call the Solid Waste/Recycling hotline at 480-782-3510.





# Glad You Asked That Question...

These questions are asked by Chandler residents just like you. If you have any questions, please call the Solid Waste / Recycling Hotline at 480-782-3510

## 1. Does Chandler have a landfill?

Yes - Chandler has a landfill and a solid waste transfer facility.

Both facilities are open seven days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Chandler residents paying for city-provided refuse service may use these facilities free-of-charge. For more information, call the Solid Waste/Recycling hotline at 480-782-3510.

## 2. Why are some materials recycled in Chandler's recycling programs and other materials are not?

The answer is simply economics. There are three important factors that determine what materials can be economically recycled: **QUANTITY**: There must be a large enough quantity of the material available to recycle. **COST**: The cost for the material must be more than the cost of collection, processing, and transportation.

**ACCEPTANCE**: Just as important as the cost, the material recovery facility (recycling center) must accept the material. In Chandler, and for most valley cities, it can be challenging to meet economic criteria. Transportation costs to distant markets can be high; and, local markets are not always available. Unless we generate a large enough quantity of a material it is difficult to justify these costs.

## 3. How can I get a list of what is recycled in the blue recycling container?

Solid Waste Services offers refrigerator magnets that list the materials accepted for recycling in the blue curbside container. In-house recycling baskets for your kitchen or utility area are also available to residents paying for city-provided trash and recycling collection. If you would like to receive a magnet, a recycling basket for use in the home, or both, call the Solid Waste/Recycling hotline at 480-782-3510.

## 4. Why can't I recycle my Styrofoam packing?

Unfortunately, there is no local market for Styrofoam materials and transportation costs are prohibitive. Styrofoam packing material can also contain fire retardant chemicals that are not biodegradable. Styrofoam packing materials should be reused or thrown in the trash container.

## 5. Why can't shredded paper be recycled in the blue recycling container?

There are a couple of reasons why shredded paper is not accepted in Chandler's curbside recycling program. Shredded paper, even when bagged, can slow down the sorting process at the recycling facility. Similar to Styrofoam packing peanuts, shredded paper mixes in with other recyclable materials and becomes a contaminant. When paper is shredded, the quality of the paper is weakened. A single sheet of paper that is recycled whole can be recycled into another sheet of paper up to 7 or 8 times. If shredded, the paper fibers get cut and the paper quality is degraded.

## 6. I know that Chandler holds Household Hazardous Waste collection events twice a year, but what can I do with paint and other hazardous materials between events?

Most household hazardous products such as paint, pesticides, and herbicides have a long shelf life. Properly labeling and safely storing the material for future use is the most common suggestion. Otherwise, check with neighbors, local youth groups, churches, or civic groups to see if they might be able to use the products. Another suggestion is to call 1-800-CLEANUP to find out specific details on local services that offer collection of

products such as automotive fluids, batteries and much more. For questions regarding household hazardous waste materials please call the Solid Waste/Recycling hotline at 480-782-3510.

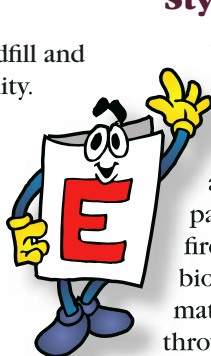
## 7. Who can I contact to donate materials such as clothing, furniture, and toys?

Many local charitable organizations offer convenient curbside collection for materials that can be reused. A good number of these groups collect and restore reusable items through programs that offer job training and self-sufficiency support to disabled individuals and families in need. Calling in advance to schedule curbside collection for reusable items is recommended by most of these organizations.

For a complete list of charitable organizations offering home pick-up service, call Solid Waste Services at 480-782-3510.

## 8. How can I find out more about recycling and trash programs offered to me as a resident?

Contact Solid Waste Services and ask for your copy of the "Solid Waste and Recycling Booklet." The booklet holds answers to many of your questions about the programs we offer you with the utmost customer service!



For more information or to receive your copy call 480-782-3510.